

MEETING IN LEXINGTON.—YADKIN RIVER IMPROVEMENT.

At a meeting of the citizens of Lexington, held on the 27th of July, 1849, on motion of Jesse H. Hargrave, Esq., Mr. John P. Mabry was called to the chair, and James A. Long and Alfred G. Foster appointed secretaries. Whereupon the following preamble and resolutions were presented by James L. Clemmons, Esq., and unanimously adopted by the meeting, viz:

A charter was granted by the Legislature of North Carolina in January, 1847, incorporating a company for clearing out the Yadkin River from the South Carolina line to Wilkesboro, to have a capital stock of not less than thirty thousand nor more than three hundred thousand dollars.

This charter secures to the company the exclusive navigation of said river for thirty years, on condition they open a passage from Trading Ford, in the county of Davidson, to the mouth of Rockford, in Surry county, of sufficient depth to admit of vessels of 18 inches draft, by the 14th of January, 1852. Commissioners were appointed by the act to open books and receive subscriptions of stock, but in consequence of there being no outlet for the upper Yadkin to the sea-board, very little stock was taken. The project was looked upon as a failure, and the charter very generally forgotten. Upon recurring to the charter it will be seen that the Commissioners still have power to act, and that the charter is to all intents and purposes yet in force. The location of the Plank Road from Fayetteville to Lexington has given to the Yadkin navigation project a new and interesting aspect. By extending the Plank Road from Lexington to the sea, a distance of only 8 miles, which the people of Davidson will do, the river may be made available as high up as Wilkesboro, and a direct communication will be established between Wilkesboro and Wilmington. There is no reason why the work upon the river may not be commenced forthwith, since the competition of the Plank Road from Fayetteville to the Yadkin is now a "fixed fact." The river may be ready for boats by the time the road is done.

Resolved, therefore, as the opinion of this meeting, that the Commissioners for the Yadkin Navigation Company should open books immediately in their respective counties for the purpose of obtaining the stock required to organize the company, and that all the citizens along the line of the proposed Plank Road are deeply interested in the success of the project.

Resolved, That the chairman of this meeting appoint a committee whose duty it shall be to correspond with the commissioners and other prominent men upon the subject and urge immediate action.

Resolved, That the proceedings of this meeting be published in the Greensboro Patriot and Fayetteville Observer, and that the other papers in the State favorable to the improvement be requested to call public attention to the facts set forth in the above preamble.

The chairman in obedience to the second resolution appointed James L. Clemmons, James A. Long, Alfred G. Foster, John P. Mabry, John P. Mabry, Chas. James A. Long, Alfred G. Foster, Secretaries.

FIRST GOLD MINE IN THE UNITED STATES.

—We find in the last Salisbury Watchman, the following "sketch of the discovery and history of the Reed Gold Mine in Cabarrus County, North Carolina, being the first Gold Mine discovered in the United States," furnished to that paper by Col. George Barnhardt, a gentleman largely engaged in Gold mining in the Western part of this State.—Now that California has attracted attention to the subject of Gold mining, we feel certain that this will be read with interest. At this mine was found the largest single piece of gold which has ever yet been discovered:

The first piece of gold found at this mine was in the year 1799, by Conrad Reed, a boy of about twelve years old, a son of John Reed, the proprietor. The discovery was made in an accidental manner: The boy above named, in company with a sister and younger brother, went to a small stream, called Meadow Creek, on a Sabbath day while their parents were at church, for the purpose of shooting fish with lead and arrow; and while engaged along the bank of the creek, Conrad saw a yellow substance shining in the water—he went in and picked it up—and found it to be some kind of metal and carried it home. Mr. Reed examined it, but as gold was unknown in this part of the country at that time, he did not know what kind of metal it was. The piece was about the size of a small smoothing iron. Mr. Reed carried the piece of metal to Concord and shewed it Wm. Atkinson, a silversmith, but he not thinking of gold was unable to say what kind of metal it was.

Mr. Reed kept the piece for several years in his house floor to lay against the door to keep it from rusting. In the year 1802, he went to market to Fayetteville and carried the piece of metal with him; and on showing it to a Jeweller, the Jeweller immediately told him it was gold, and requested Mr. Reed to leave the metal with him and said he would flux it.—Mr. Reed left it, and returned in a short time; and on his return the Jeweller showed him a large bar of gold 6 or 8 inches long. The Jeweller then asked Mr. Reed what he would take for the bar. Mr. Reed (not knowing the value of gold,) thought he would ask a "big price," and so he asked three dollars and fifty cents (\$3.50). The Jeweller paid him this price.

After returning home, Mr. Reed examined and found gold in the surface along the creek. He then associated Frederick Knorr, James Love, and Martin Phifer, with himself; and in the year 1803, they found a piece of gold in the branch that weighed 28 lbs. Numerous pieces were found at this mine weighing from 1 lb. down to the smallest particles. The whole surface along the creek for nearly a mile was very rich in gold.

After the veins of gold were discovered in the year 1831, they yielded a large quantity of gold. The veins are flint or quartz. I do certify that the foregoing is a true statement of the discovery and history of this mine, as given by John Reed and his son, Conrad Reed, now both dead.

GEORGE BARNHARDT.

January, 1849.

Weight of different pieces of gold found at this mine:—

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	66 1/2		48 1/2
	115 lbs.		steelyard weight.

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Mail for California.—The Postmaster General gives notice that the United States steam-ship Ohio, will be dispatched from the port of New York on the 27th day of August inst., and that mails for her may be sent to New York, Charleston, South Carolina, and Savannah, Ga. She will sail from New York on the 27th inst., from Charleston on the 30th, from Savannah on the 30th. She will take letters for Chagres, Panama, San Diego, Santa Barbara, Monterey, San Francisco, and Astoria.

The entire postage for a single letter, not exceeding half an ounce in weight, will be 12 1/2 cents to Havana, 20 cents to Chagres, 30 cents to Panama, to be pre-paid in all cases; and 40 cents to San Diego, Santa Barbara, Monterey, San Francisco, or Astoria, to be pre-paid or sent unpaid at the option of the sender. Newspapers and pamphlets—sea postage three cents each, and inland postage to be added.

AFRAY IN NORTH CAROLINA.—The Danville (Va) Register, of Friday, learns that a dangerous affray occurred at Germantown, N. C., one day during the previous week, which came near resulting in the death of several persons.

Some months ago, a hoax was sent to the Greensboro Patriot, (and copied from that paper into the Register,) representing the marriage of Dr. Madison R. Fontaine, of Germantown, N. C., with a person whose name we have forgotten. Dr. F. was speaking of the shamless trick, on one occasion, in the presence of Dr. White, residing in the same county, when the latter gentleman made some remark which induced Dr. F. to inflict several blows on Dr. White, but the parties were separated without much damage or apprehension as to the consequences. Soon after this Dr. F. White made a visit to his native county of Appomattox in this State, and while there received a letter from Germantown, from some friend, reminding him that it was absolutely necessary for him to avenge the insult said to have been received from Dr. F. in the first attack. Dr. White and his brother then armed themselves and went to Germantown, with view to convince Dr. Fontaine. Arrived at Germantown, they alighted and went immediately into the tavern where Dr. Fontaine was seated, and commenced the attack, one holding a revolver to his breast while the other inflicted blows with the cowhide.

Dr. F. promptly rose and resisted the attack, the bystanders interfered and separated the combatants. Dr. White disappeared and so did Dr. Fontaine, as is supposed, in pursuit of his assailant, neither of whom, says our informant, has since been heard from. In the meantime, Dr. W.'s brother was arrested and committed to jail, where he remained several days, but finally gave bail for his appearance at Court.

The news of this difficulty soon reached the ears of Dr. Fontaine's brothers, Messrs. William and Charles Fontaine, of Henry, who immediately repaired to Germantown to defend and protect their brother. Arrived at Germantown they found the two doctors were absent, but Mr. White, (whose neither of them had ever seen,) still there.

At their first interview, however, Mr. Chas. Fontaine and Mr. White mutually recognized each other by their likeness to their brothers, the doctors; and no sooner had this recognition been made than Mr. Fontaine presented a pistol at Mr. White, and was in the act of firing when White knocked the pistol upward, the ball penetrating his forehead the previous night. White then retreated through the tavern, Fontaine bursting three caps at him in his flight.

The Messrs. Fontaine were then arrested and held to bail.

Auful Murder.—The St. Louis New Era of the 4th instant, contains the following details of a terrible murder committed by a man under the influence of jealousy:

From passengers who reached this city this morning on the steamer Kate Kearney, we are informed of the particulars of the murder of Mr. T. B. Palmer, a little over seven miles from St. Louis, by a man who fell by the hands of Mr. John Wise, a clerk in the Post Office in this city. The circumstances which led to this fatal and much regretted affair are briefly these: Some weeks since, and during the prevalence of the cholera, Mr. Wise—who is a married man, and has a family—was engaged by her departure his suspicions were aroused, whilst at his daily avocation in this office, at seeing her hand writing upon letters addressed to Mr. Hart in this city. One or more of these letters, we are informed, were opened, but as it is avoid detection, a fictitious name was used. Wise was about the size of a small smoothing iron, and Hart was at this time, and in fact for long periods previous, upon terms of the strictest intimacy. On Wednesday last, Hart left the city on the steamer Whirlwind, which again aroused Mr. Wise's suspicions, who followed him the day after on the Kate Kearney. Hart reached Marion City about noon on Thursday, and immediately procured a conveyance to Fayetteville, a little over seven miles from St. Louis, where Mrs. Wise was sojourning. Wise reached Marion City about 11 on the day following, and also went immediately out to Palmyra.

As soon as he arrived, he went to the post office, and found five letters, as we are informed, from Mr. Hart, addressed to his wife, which confirmed his suspicions. He then procured a conveyance to Fayetteville, and on the way, he met with Hart on the side walk, in front of the house, and without warning, drew a pistol and fired, the ball taking effect in the left shoulder, producing a flesh wound. After being fired, the ball went through the house, but was overtaken by Wise, who then drew the knife and inflicted a severe wound on the right shoulder, nearly severing the arm from the body, another in the right arm, several in the side, and the last and most severe in the back, severing the right rib of the lungs. The ball then reached the back yard, and Hart fell upon the pavement, literally cut to pieces, and expired in a few moments.

Several persons who witnessed the affray, endeavored to stay Wise's arm, and narrowly escaped being cut themselves. Wise gave himself up to the Sheriff, and when our informant left, was still in custody, awaiting the coming of a physician to this city for an examination. Hart, the man killed, is a saddler by trade, is well known in this city, and at the time of his death, was studying medicine. He served with credit in Doniphan's expedition to Chihuahua, and had many friends. He was a man of remarkably prepossessing appearance, and in consequence was generally known by the acquaintance of Lord Byron. He was there were to have been interred yesterday. Mr. Wise was a clerk in the post office in this city, and this unfortunate difficulty has cast a deep gloom over a large circle of friends, and created no little excitement in the community. The above particulars we have gleaned from passengers on the Kearney, one of whom witnessed the affray, and are believed to be correct.

The Capital of Ohio, now in progress of building, will be one of the largest and noblest piles in the Union. It is of dressed stone, 204 feet by 184, and covers a surface of 55,936 square feet. The Capital at Washington, is not much larger, as it covers a surface of about 61,790 square feet.

Ex-President Tyler.—The Journal of Commerce published a letter from the Ex-President Tyler, on Hungarian affairs. For the gallant Republic, he expresses the warmest sympathy, and he thinks, moreover, that, if the United States cannot send assistance, they can at least manifest their displeasure towards Austria and Russia, by suspending all diplomatic intercourse with them.

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Grain.—The only transactions in the grain market has been confined to a small cargo of corn and oats from Hyde county; 500 bushels corn at 54 cents, and 300 bushels oats at 37 1/2 cents, cash. The market has a fair supply. Meal is a fraction lower.

Flour.—The stock of flour continues light. No change in prices.

Lard.—N. C. lard very scarce. Last sales at 9c per lb. by the barrel. No Western lard on the market.

Lumber.—No transactions in river lumber.

Timber.—Sales of mill timber from \$3 to \$7 per M. measurement.

Molasses.—No late arrivals. Market bare.

Naval Stores.—The receipts of Turpentine have been considerable during the week, say about 7,200 barrels, all of which has changed hands at \$2 25 for yellow dip, \$3 for virgin dip, and \$1 15 for hard; closing at these rates. Tar arrives slowly, and sells readily at \$1 30 per bbl. Spirits Turpentine has advanced 1/2 cent per gallon. Sales of some 235 barrels at 26 cents per gallon; barrels \$1 75 not returnable. Rosin.—Sales No. 1 at 1 1/2 c per lb. No. 3 at 60c per lb.

Rice.—Sale of 400 casks a few days since at \$3 25 per 100 pounds. Market quiet.

Salt.—2,200 sacks—arrivals reported last week from Liverpool—have been sold at prices ranging from 95 cents to \$1 05 per sack; the bulk of which was taken at \$1 per sack, cash.

Shingles.—60,000, to fill an order, was sold a few days since at \$1 50 per M. No demand. Quotations nominal.

Nothing doing in Staves.

New York, Aug. 11.—Naval Stores.—New Turpentine has advanced to \$2 75 per 280 lbs, at which 5,000 bbls North County were taken yesterday. Spirits Turpentine, also, firmer, and lots are not easily found at former rates, though some 500 bbls have been sold at 32 1/2 c, cash. We notice sales of 1500 bbls North County common Rosin at 80 a 35 cents, afloat and delivered; 1,000 do to arrive, on private terms; and 800 do. White, at \$3 a \$4 50 per 280 lbs.

New York, Aug. 14.—P. M.—Flour, \$4 75 to \$5 62. Corn meal \$2 81 a \$2 93. Rye flour \$3 12 a \$3 23. Sales of red wheat at \$1 03 a \$1 08, and white \$1 12 a \$1 14. Corn, yellow, 59 a 61c. Oats 33 a 34c. Rye 59c. No change in provisions and groceries. Small damages reported to-day, they may be considered as rather extreme and not attainable in quantity. With this reservation, we quote fair Upland 5 1/2 fair Mobile 5 1/4, fair Orleans 5 1/2, and middling qualities 4 1/2 per lb.

The week's business amounts to \$5,548, of which \$2,000 is speculation and \$3,548 for export; and the American descriptions consist of 12,620 Upland, at 4 1/2 a 5 1/2; 22,790 Orleans, at 4 a 5; 9,900 Alabama and Mobile, at 4 a 5 1/2, and 530 Sea Island, at 14 a 14 1/2 per pound. The import at the same time is 40,000 bales and the stock on hand is 170,000 bales, valued at 705,000 bales, of which about \$39,000 is American.

The corn markets have continued to decline under the influence of favorable prospects for the approaching harvest, and Indian corn is more particularly depressed in consequence of the cheapness of potatoes and the non-appearance, as yet, of cotton to that crop. The quotations for both white and yellow is 27c. 6d. and 28c. per quarter and per cwt. and which have been heated, are selling at 23c. 6d. to 25c. Prime sound American flour brings 24s. 6d. to 25s. 6d. per bbl. Parcels of recent import, unexpected and out of condition, may be bought at 20c. to 22c. per yd.

Turpentine is quoted at 6s. 6d. per cwt. but no sales are reported in the article for a fortnight past. Some parcels of common American Rosin have been disposed of this week at 2s. 7d. per cwt.

PORT OF WILMINGTON.

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Aug. 9—Schr. Bismarck, Grace, Matanzas, to G. W. Davis.

Aug. 10—Schr. Elizabeth, Thompson, Havana, to G. W. Davis.

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WILMINGTON MARKET.—Aug. 16.

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